INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

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SUBJECTS: BRUNSTING, BRYAN, DEPUTY SHERIFF GENERALIST, #[redacted]
BRANUM, JASON, DEPUTY SHERIFF GENERALIST, #[redacted]

DATE(S) / TIME OF INCIDENT: AUGUST 20, 2009
MARCH 22, 2010

ALLEGATIONS:

It is alleged Deputy Bryan Brunsting, #[redacted], and Deputy Jason Branum, #[redacted], while on-duty acting under color of law, assaulted two inmates which resulted in bodily injury. The inmate-victims were assaulted in two separate incidents. It is alleged the deputies deprived the victim-inmates of their rights and privileges secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States not to be subjected to cruel and unusual punishment.

It is alleged Deputy Brunsting and Deputy Branum knowingly falsified and made false entries, in records and documents with the intent to impede, obstruct, and influence the investigation and proper administration of a matter within the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Justice, and in relation to and in contemplation of any such matter.

SYNOPSIS:

On August 20, 2009, Deputy Brunsting and Deputy Branum while assigned to Twin Towers Correctional Facility were involved in a use of force incident with an inmate.

On March 22, 2010, Deputy Brunsting and Deputy Branum while assigned to Twin Towers Correctional Facility were involved in a use of force incident with an inmate.

In June 2012, Deputy Brunsting and Deputy Branum were indicted by a federal Grand Jury. As a result of the investigation, six (6) Felony counts were filed in United States District Court, Central District of California, CR# 13-573(A).

Deputy Brunsting was charged with Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law, 18 U.S.C. §242, two (2) counts of Falsification of Records; Aiding and Abetting, 18 U.S.C § 1519, 2 (a), Destruction, Alteration, or Falsification of Records in Federal Investigations, 18 U.S.C. § 1519, Conspiracy Against Rights, 18 U.S.C. § 241, and Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law; Aiding and Abbeting, 18 U.S.C. § 242, 2 (a).

Deputy Branum was charged with Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law, 18 U.S.C. § 242, two (2) counts of Falsification of Records; Aiding and Abetting, 18 U.S.C § 1519, 2 (a), Destruction, Alteration, or Falsification of Records in Federal Investigations, 18 U.S.C. § 1519, Conspiracy Against Rights, 18 U.S.C. § 241, and Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law; Aiding and Abetting, 18 U.S.C. § 242, 2 (a).

IAB Note: A copy of the Federal Indictment is included.

On May 16, 2016, Deputy Brunsting was found guilty by jury trial of Conspiracy Against Rights, 18 U.S.C. § 241, Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law; Aiding and Abetting, 18 U.S.C. § 242, 2 (a), and Falsification of Records; Aiding and Abetting, 18 U.S.C § 1519, 2 (a). On November 28, 2016, Deputy Brunsting was sentenced to twenty-one months in Federal prison.

On May 16, 2016, Deputy Branum was found guilty by jury trial of Conspiracy Against Rights, 18 U.S.C. § 241, Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law; Aiding and Abetting, 18 U.S.C. § 242, 2 (a), and Falsification of Records; Aiding and Abetting, 18 U.S.C § 1519, 2 (a). On November 28, 2016, Deputy Brunsting was sentenced to five months in Federal prison.

IAB Note: A copy of the Judgment of Probation/Commitment order is included.

INVESTIGATION:

Based on the deputies' felony convictions, they are disqualified for continued employment as peace officers for the County of Los Angeles pursuant to Government Code section 1029(a)(1).